GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1737
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GUN MANUFACTURING
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to USQ No. 2136 on December 14, 2004 and state:

(a) whether guns are being manufactured under private licence, in various States including Munger in Bihar and Bellari in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the number of guns manufactured annually in other places including Munger and Bellari alongwith the number of labourers engaged in this work, location-wise;

(c) whether a small number of guns are manufactured in Munger in private sector in spite of sufficient number of workers engaged and maximum number of units located there;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to increase the gun manufacturing capacity in Munger in private sector; and

(f) if so, the per gun expenditure involved over inspection of Guns manufactured in Munger in the Government ordnance factory located in Ichhapur in West Bengal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b): Licence for gun manufacture in private sector is given by the Government of India under the Arms Act. Annual gun manufacturing quota granted by the Government of India for all the units location-wise is as follows:-

Location	Gun Manufacturing Quota
Munger, Bihar	12352
Dehradun, Uttaranchal	480
Ghazipur, U.P.	11
Kanpur, U.P.	766
Bellary, Karnataka	6300
Mandi, Himachal Pradesh	3456
Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	314
Rewa, Madhya Pradesh	720
Sagar, Madhya Pradesh	126
Indore, Madhya Pradesh	194
Jodhpur, Rajasthan	4499
Udaipur, Rajasthan	3100
Bhilwara, Rajasthan	300
Jammu, J&K	28591
Udhampur, J&K	530
Kathua, J&K	5240
Srinagar, J&K	840
Rajouri, J&K	400

Labour is engaged on need basis by the manufacturers themselves. These records are not maintained in Government of India.

(c) & (d) Thirtyseven firms have been licensed to manufacture guns in private sector in Munger. Gun manufacturing in the private sector is not dependent on number of workers and units.

(e) There is no such proposal with the Government of India.

(f) There is no provision in rules for inspection of guns. However, the cost of proof testing per gun is as under:

i) Breach Loading Gun - Rs.302.00
ii) Muzzle Loading Gun - Rs.309.00
iii) With composite cartridges - Rs.334.00